

RESOLUTION NO. 06-395

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO RAISE MIAMI-DADE'S PER-PUPIL FUNDING, TO USE NON-RECURRING FUNDS FOR 100% MITIGATION DUE TO MODIFICATIONS TO THE DISTRICT COST DIFFERENTIAL AND TO AMEND THE CLASSROOMS FOR KIDS ALLOCATION FORMULA; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO FORWARD THE RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Miami Lakes (the "Town") believes that funding a high-quality education system is an investment in the ability to compete nationally and globally in the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, Florida is one of the leaders in the nation in mandating public school educational accountability measures and the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the "School Board") has improved its overall grade from C to B in the State accountability system; and

WHEREAS, the pre-K-20 education system is a key foundation for Florida's future providing the talent base for economic diversification and an economic engine for the knowledge economy, and Florida should continue to move its education system at all levels into the top quartile in education quality, student rankings and graduation rates based on national standards; and

WHEREAS, Florida employers consistently rank improving education and workforce development as top concerns and a highly qualified, trained workforce is critical to strengthening our business climate; and

WHEREAS, the School Board will need approximately \$136 million in new monies above current funding levels to continue these initiatives, but the recent change in District Cost Differential could reduce the District's share of annual funding by as much as \$78 million; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has construed 18,000 new student seats to address overcrowding by using more local funds than planned, although the majority of state Classrooms for Kids allocations have gone to school districts without documented capital outlay needs; and

WHEREAS, the Town believes that adequate funding is needed to achieve a high quality education system measured by student achievement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Support. The Town hereby supports the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' legislative initiative and requests that the Florida Legislature support: (i) raising Miami-Dade's per-pupil funding that is sufficient to provide a rigorous, high quality educational experience for every student and to continue initiatives that are successfully raising student achievement in the District; (ii) using non-recurring funds to mitigate 100% of the loss due to the modification to the District Cost Differential; and (iii) amending the Classrooms for Kids allocation formula for capital outlay funding to reflect actual capital outlay need.

Section 3. Direction of the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to all appropriate County, State and Federal officials, committees and agencies.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of April, 2006.

Motion to adopt by Mary Collins, second by Robert Meador

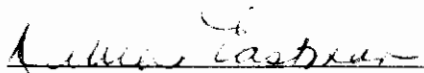
FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

Mayor Wayne Slaton	<u>yes</u>
Vice Mayor Robert Meador	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Roberto Alonso	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Mary Collins	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Dorothy Cook	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Michael Pizzi	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Nancy Simon	<u>yes</u>



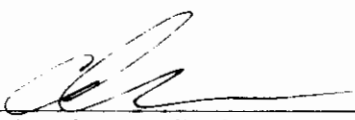
Wayne Slaton
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Debra Eastman, MMC
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legality for the use
and benefit of the Town of Miami Lakes only:



Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza,
Cole & Boniske, P.A.
TOWN ATTORNEY